GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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EXPORT OF TEXTILE ITEMS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of handloom, handicraft and other textile items such as dhotis, sarees and lungies have declined sharply during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and current year, product/ item-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to boost the export of these commodities and to earn more foreign exchange?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government has taken the following steps for the promotion of textiles exports:

Rationalisation of fiscal duty structure undertaken to attract investment and modernization;

The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) was launched to facilitate the modernization and upgradation of the textiles sector;

To accelerate the process of modernization in the powerlooms segment of the textiles industry, 20% Capital assistance is available on an investment of upto Rs. 100 lakhs for specified machinery, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 20 lakhs;

Woven readymade garments have been de-reserved from the SSI Sector;

The "Scheme for Integrated Textiles Parks" (SITP) was introduced by merging two schemes viz; "Apparel Park for Export Scheme" and "Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS).

The Technology Mission for Cotton was launched to improve the productivity and quality of the cotton crop;

Financial assistance is provided under the Handlooms Export Scheme to eligible agencies to develop exportable products, and for publicity and participation in international trade events.